(b) Four.

(c) and (d) One Thesis approved for publication is under print. Three Thesis are under process for consideration by the Publications Committee. Efforts are being made to clear the pending cases soon.

Conversion of Preventive Medicine Institute into a Virology at Hyderabad

969. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government to convert the Institute of Preventive Medicines at Hyderabad into a National Institute of Virology;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Government of India has no proposal under consideration for converting the Institute of Preventive Medicines at Hyderabad into a National Institute of Virology.

Upgrading of Cancer Hospital at Hyderabad

970. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government to upgrade the Cancer Hospital at Hyderabad as a Regional Cancer Institute;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons for not upgrading the Cancer Hospital especially in view of the incidence of Cancer in Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A proposal to upgrade the M.N.J. Cancer Hospital and Radium Institute at Hyderabad into a Regional Cancer Centre was received. Based on the recommendation of the National Cancer Control Board, the Government has decided that during the Seventh Five Year Plan assistance would be provided to strengthen the facilities available in the existing nine regional Cancer Centres.

Deteriorated Services of Air India

971. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger service in Air Isndia have deteriorated in the recent years giving rise to increase in complaints by passengers;

(b) what is the nature of these complaints; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the facilities in Air India so as to reduce the number of complaints from the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The number of passengers carried and the number of complaints received during 1985-86 1986-87 and 1987-88 (April—December, 1987) are given below:

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (April-December '87)
Number of passengers carried	17,80,227	18,30,078	15,75,650
Number of complaints received . . .	1,507	1,349	1,425